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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. M. KIMBALL

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At the above mentioned time I received a telephone call from Mr. James McInerney of the Criminal Division of the Department. He advised that under date of August 9, 1941, a memorandum had been submitted to the Bureau by Assistant Attorney General Berge entitled "Alleged Nazi-Falangist Activities", the same containing information regarding alleged activities in Cuba. Mr. McInerney believes that there were transmitted with this memorandum photographs secured from Click Magazine, in one of which there was a picture of a woman and a man, the woman being Baroness Lisette von Kapri. He said copies of these photographs had not been retained by the Department.

Mr. McInerney stated that by memorandum of August 26, 1941, regarding Baroness Lisette von Kapri, the Bureau had requested Assistant Attorney General Berge to advise whether the Department had any information to show any connection between Baroness von Kapri and one Otto Weh. This memorandum also transmitted to the Department copies of twenty-three reports of the [redacted] investigation.

Mr. McInerney desired to be telephonically advised whether with Mr. Berge's memorandum of August 9, 1941, there had been a photograph of Baroness von Kapri and a man, since, if that were true, Mr. McInerney could then write the Bureau a reply to its memorandum of August 26, 1941, to the effect that the man in the picture of von Kapri is said by Click Magazine to be Otto Weh.

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Subsequently I did telephone Mr. McInerney about this matter and as a result Mr. L. L. Lightcap of the Criminal Division of the Department called at my office on September 29, 1941, and examined the photographs in question (our file 64-1200-A-18). Among these photographs is a page from Click Magazine entitled "Axis Fifth Column in Cuba", wherein appears a picture of Baroness von Kapri and a Mr. Persico. It is noted that in the photostatic copy of the magazine page which we have the features of the Baroness are not discernible although Mr. Lightcap states that in the original page from the magazine which is in the possession of the Department one can recognize her from the picture.

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Referring to an original photograph taken by Martin Harris of a woman in an aviatrix cap, carrying a parachute, and a man in white slacks and in his shirt sleeves, both of whom have apparently just left a door under a sign "Charter Service, Frank Steinman, Student and Instrument Instructions, Airplanes for Rent", Mr. Lightcap remarked that this picture was apparently taken at Roosevelt Field, New York City. Then there is an enlargement of a man in the picture, which is also stamped on the back "Photograph by Martin Harris". Mr. Lightcap advised that [redacted] and Mr. Weisberg of Click Magazine claim that this man in these two pictures, that is the one in the white slacks, is Otto Weh. Mr. Lightcap states that furthermore, it is claimed that Weh had recently appeared at Roosevelt Field, New York, and accordingly, the contention of the Click Magazine representatives may be correct. Mr. Lightcap said he was going to dictate a reply along these lines to Bureau memorandum of August 26, 1941, in the [redacted] matter, our file 65-4196.

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It is suggested that Mr. [redacted], the supervisor handling this matter, review the same to determine whether we have available known photographs of Baroness von Kapri and Otto Weh as well as descriptive data concerning these two individuals in order that if such additional photographs are present, they may be compared with those taken by Martin Harris.

Respectfully,

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Deutscher Weckruf & Beobachter and Free American, Vol. 5 , No. 1 New York June 29, 1939.

The lead article in English on page 1 is " JEWISH PERSECUTION IN NEW GUISE.- Herlands sponsors story that Bund Treasurer METTIN had a substitute die for him.- Fantastic theories out of the latest detective stories." The article deals with recent newspaper stories to the effect that the recent death of METTIN was being investigated by the authorities. The article states that METTIN died of septicemia and that DR. BRIGGINS of Staten Island attested to this on the death certificate.

Page 1, col. 1 bottom has an English article " Get FRITZ KUHN by hook or crook" which is allegedly a re-print from the English-language section of IL MATINO an Italian newspaper published in New York. The editorial note preceding the re-print states that IL MATINO "has no relations of any kind with the GERMAN AMERICAN BUND or with Mr. KUHN." It states " KUHN is being persecuted in every possible fashion, in every place, in every moment of his life. Mr. KUHN is an anti-Communist and a patriot."

A similar article in English appears at the bottom of the last column on page 1 " Persecution of FRITZ KUHN" which is a re-print from THE CHRISTIAN FREE PRESS. It alleges that KUHN is being " framed".

Page 1 center has an English article "The Dies Committee".- The CHRISTIAN FREE PRESS calls its investigation a 'sinister farce' " which is also a re-print from the CHRISTIAN FREE PRESS.

Page 1, top, center has an English article " Exposing the CLICK fraud.- Will the American Legion now proceed against the magazine for degrading the National Emblem?"- The article quotes the Bellersville, Pa. Herald as stating that the local American Legion there made an inspection of the BUND camp there where " Click" claimed they had taken the picture of the American flag being used as a rug. The article states that the findings had been forwarded to American Legion National Headqaurters for further action.

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Page 1, col. 5 has an anti-Jewish article in English "Court rules against refugees" which is chiefly of an agitational nature. It refers to the former German state as "the Jewish ruled republic."

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: [redacted] b7c

BACKGROUND

During the fall of 1942, Allan Chase, a journalist who resides at [redacted] New York City, visited Puerto Rico, Cuba, and other localities in that vicinity, for the purpose of securing information relative to the Spanish Falange and kindred subversive groups, both in the United States and in the territories visited by him. By way of review it is pointed out that Chase was the editor of the magazine "Click" and one of the editors of the magazine "Friday," [redacted] There are indications that his recent travels to the countries named above were in behalf of the newspaper PM and the magazine Click.

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The two chapters mentioned above have been reviewed at the Bureau. Much of the material contained therein is concerned with Spanish individuals

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who are already being investigated by the FBI. Other individuals and organizations mentioned by Chase are being appropriately investigated in those cases where such action is deemed advisable. These chapters adhere in their entirety to the Communist Party line in its propaganda endeavors relative to Franco, the Spanish Falange and the Catholic Church, both in Spain and the United States. They are extremely critical of the State Department's attitude relative to Spain and the United States Government's continued recognition of the Franco regime. Chase endeavors to prove in this book that the Catholic Church is the tool of the Axis and intimates that the Catholics in this country, as well as in other Central and South American countries, should be looked on with suspicion and disdain in so far as their sentiments and loyalty are concerned.

OBSERVATIONS

It is believed that the publication of this book would serve to have an extremely deleterious effect upon the war effort of the United Nations, because, (1) The book is undoubtedly designed to create agitation and distrust among the members of the Spanish Colony in the United States. (2) In this book the author indicates that in his opinion the citizenry should make every effort to have this country declare war on Spain. (Certainly Spain is better in a neutral position in so far as the war effort of the United Nations is concerned, rather than as a member of the Axis.) (3) It makes criticisms of the "appeasement policies" of the State Department, which are frequently unjustified and unsubstantiated.

ACTION

There are attached for your approval letters to the State Department, ONI, G-2 and the Office of Inter-American Affairs advising them of the contemplated publication of this book. The New York Office has been instructed to ascertain the name of the publisher of this book. When the publisher's identity is established the facts will be brought to the attention of the Office of Censorship and to Division Four of the Bureau for any action that will be practical and or possible.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

For your information and such consideration as you deem appropriate, the following data are set forth:

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Advice has been received indicating that in this publication the author will endeavor to establish that the Catholic Church is a tool of the Axis and will further intimate that the Catholics in this country, as well as those in other Central and South American countries, should be looked upon with suspicion and disdain in so far as their nationalistic sentiments and loyalty are concerned.

A review of the information presently available reflects that Chase was the editor of the magazine "Click" and also one of the editors of the magazine "Friday," [redacted] It is known that during the fall of 1942 Chase visited Puerto Rico, Cuba, and other localities in that vicinity, for the purpose of securing information relative to the Spanish Falange and kindred groups.

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It has been suggested that the dissemination of this book may have a deleterious effect upon the morale of the members of the Spanish Colony in the United States and that it may have serious effects upon Spain's position with respect to the present conflict, inasmuch as it is said to be designed to bring about a state of war between the United States and the present Franco regime.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
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Dear Mr. Berle:

For your information and such consideration as you deem appropriate, the following data are set forth:

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: [redacted]

The purpose of this memorandum is to furnish comments upon a review of Chase's book, "Falange: The Axis Secret Army in the Americas," recently released by G. P. Putnam's Sons.

[redacted]

BACKGROUND

As you will recall from my memorandum to you of June 5, 1943, Chase, a journalist who resides in New York City, visited Puerto Rico, Cuba, and other Caribbean localities in the fall of 1942 for the purpose of gathering information relative to the Spanish Falange and kindred subversive groups, both in the United States and territories visited by him. Chase was editor of the magazine "Click" and one of the editors of the magazine "Friday," [redacted]

DETAILS

A review of the contents of "Falange," so far as the SIS Field of operation is concerned, fails to reveal any information of value gathered by Chase which is not previously in the possession of the Bureau. For the most part it may be said that the comments of Chase are colored with sensationalism, are in a great many instances distorted, and on numerous instances inaccurate. The book is full of conjectures and speculations and erroneous in many minor details. Many of Chase's premises apparently are of a nature that substantiation or confirmation is difficult or impossible, and represent perhaps flights of his fancy or his own conclusions reached after setting forth incomplete sets of facts. Apparently much of Chase's material was received by word of mouth, resulting in inaccuracy as to names and places, phonetic spellings, and evidently have been distorted after passing through various hands.

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[redacted] It may be said that Chase's principal sources of information are Communist informants, Spanish Republican sources evidently in the United States and Caribbean territorial possessions, newspapers, and the Public Library at San Juan.

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[redacted] A further review of the book as regards the Spanish Falange in Colombia, Chile, Panama, and other SIS Fields, indicates, as above, that Chase's information likewise does not reflect any material not previously investigated by the Bureau.

Attached hereto is a letter dated July 15, 1943, from [redacted] in which [redacted] requests an appraisal of Chase's book in the interest of "La Prensa's" readers. Also, there is attached a memorandum of Mr. J. K. Mumford for Mr. Ladd, dated July 19, 1943, concerning a call of Mr. Ray Whearty of the Special War Policies Unit of the Department regarding a similar request from the newspaper "La Prensa" made of the Attorney General for an appraisal of the book, and a similar letter from [redacted] to the Attorney General requesting an appraisal, which letter was referred to us for handling.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that no appraisal be given to "La Prensa" concerning the publication of Chase, and in that connection there is attached hereto a suggested letter of reply to [redacted], acknowledging receipt of both above referred to letters.

With further regard to the book itself, a more complete review is being made in the SIS Division for the purpose of pointing out in detail all inaccuracies and checking more closely on the merits and demerits of this publication.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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Attachments

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: [redacted] b7C

b7C b7D In the attached memorandum from the Criminal Division it is stated that the Department has been confidentially informed [redacted] The Criminal Division requests therein that an investigation be made to ascertain if [redacted] still has the material, and, if so, detailed information concerning its content. b7C

It is my opinion that the Department's request should not be complied with inasmuch as the proposed action of the Bureau would serve no purpose as far as the obtainment of factual information regarding the Falange is concerned and because the actualization of such a request would more than likely subject the Bureau to unwarranted criticism. This opinion is predicated upon the following facts:

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(Chase was editor of the magazine "Click" and of the magazine "Friday". [redacted]

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MISUSE OF TOURIST CABINS:

ONLY BY REGULATION CAN THE "COUPLE TRADE" VICE BE ENDED

A FEW years ago, when the Sociology Department of Southern Methodist University made a survey on the misuse of urban tourist camps, it was but a recently developed phenomenon of American life. Startling facts, proving that a new haven for illicit love had sprouted in the outskirts of cities, were revealed. One might think that the public, aware of this new evil, would remedy it. Instead, tourist camps became more and more prevalent; today there are thousands of auto camps throughout the country where many couples have gone wrong.

There are legitimate tourist camps catering to travelers, but according to head G-Man J. Edgar Hoover, there are at least several thousand camps whose proprietors will not refuse the use of their camps for immoral purposes. To many of those who run such camps, the illegitimate business of renting out cabins to unmarried couples is known as the "couple trade." It pays better than regular transient hotel business for these reasons: Guests use the cabins only a short time, making them available for others; a steady, repeat business follows; the sale of contraceptive goods is sometimes an accessory business to the renting of the cabins.

NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE

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SINCE the publication of the study conducted by our Department of Sociology at Southern Methodist University into the use of tourist camps for illicit purposes, we have been asked many times, "What has been done to stamp out the evil?" The answer, so far as I know, is NOTHING. Research in sociology is like research in any other science. It is for the purpose of finding out. That is what we did and when we had done that, we merely presented our findings. We do not accept the role of reformer. But the fact that the deplorable situation still exists is indicated by studies made throughout the country by non-partisan groups. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, confirmed it in a recent article in a national monthly—going even farther by pointing out that many tourist camps are habitats for sub rosa love affairs, and also that they are breeding places for crime.

I know that a leading paper in Denver sent out a young woman and a young man, reporters, together. In not a single instance were they refused accommodations in spite of the fact they told these managers that they were not married.

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WHO USE CABINS FOR ILLICIT PURPOSES?

THOSE who misuse tourist cabins must have a girl, a car and the price—ranging from fifty cents to four dollars. Every occupational and economic stratum, with the upper classes relatively more numerous, are included in this clientele. The friendly couples who seek enjoyment at these tiny lodges are so numerous that they make commercialized vice in them a negligible factor. And chances are that the cabins' occupants come from the better residential sections rather than the disorganized areas of a city. The pictograph below represents a cross-section of men who made regular use of auto camps in the outskirts of Dallas, Texas, as compiled by Southern Methodist University's Department of Sociology survey.

14 owners of own business

13 salesmen

13 clerical workers of large firms

11 filling station owners

9 professional men

7 truck drivers

7 executives of large firms

7 construction workers

5 employees of county or city

SOME CABINS ARE OPEN ONLY TO LEGITIMATE TRAVELERS:

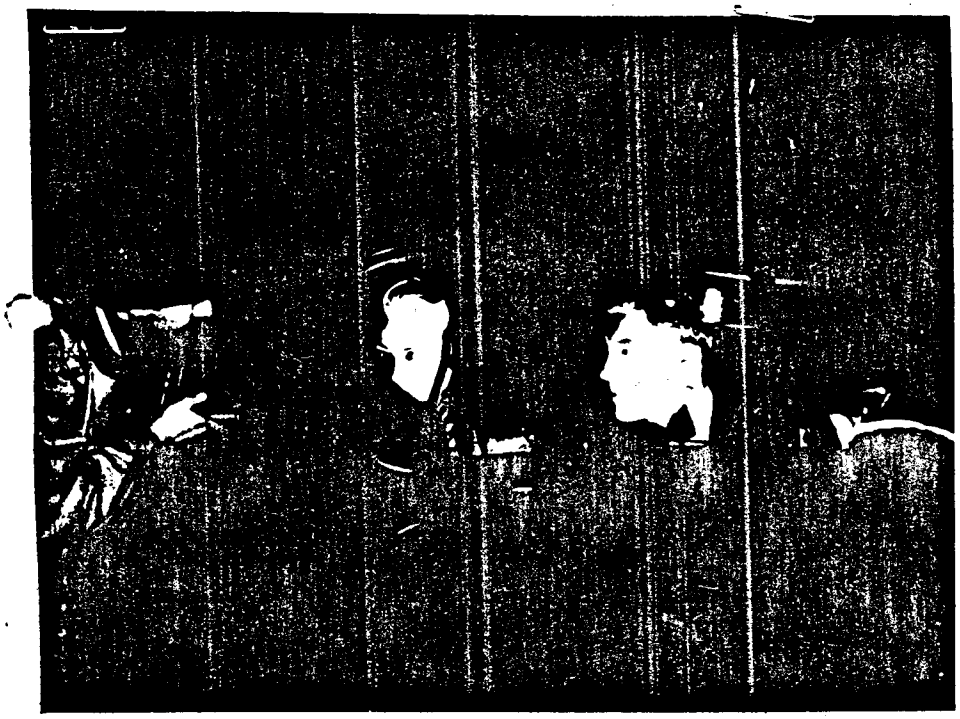
THERE ARE TOURIST CAMPS whose sole purpose is to provide travelers with an overnight resting place. The couples—who must be married—have to register, must bear the scrutiny of the owner or his wife. Such camps have every hotel advantage.

A LEGITIMATE TOURIST CAMP is well furnished, has a complete bathroom with hot and cold running water. The beds are comfortable, neat, clean and serviceable. Occupants have baggage, do not move furtively, for they have nothing to hide. They make plans for their trip, will continue again after a good night's sleep.

MISGUIDED GIRLS FROM GOOD FAMILIES do not mind using auto camps for immoral purposes, but they do not like being seen; hence the secrecy, the furtiveness, the running from car to cabin for an interlude of fun, not to rest.

ONCE THEY WERE ALONE, CLICK'S couple purposely left on the light in their four-walled haven, left the shade up, displayed a bottle of liquor near the window to learn whether they would be restrained. No one noticed them except the trailing photographer. Note that the bed is not properly made up for a night's sleep; as soon as they leave, a clean sheet will replace the used one. There is cold running water, no other conveniences in the tiny room. CLICK's researchers found their privacy short-lived. After one hour, a knock came at the door, followed by a query if the cabin was ready for new occupants.

A FEW BECKONING LIGHTS, a telling sign and a tiny cabin is all that is necessary to turn many a young couple off the main road. Dimmed headlights hide the identity of the guests; muffled whispers are evidence that this is not a hotel for travelers, but a haven for lovers. Throughout the entire country there are auto courts like this one. Some may be larger, better equipped; most prefer to cater to the "couple trade."



IN OWNER'S FLASHLIGHT BEAMS on a couple who have gone out to make a survey for CLICK, with a candid cameraman trailing them. They proved that many auto courts are open to unmarried couples. This proprietor does not know who they are; all he is interested in is that they are obviously out for immoral reasons, and since the light reveals no baggage, they will not stay long. Then the porter will hastily arrange the cabin for the next couple.

AFTER CLICK'S COUPLE GAINED ADMITTANCE to the cabin, they noted that a salesman was refused access to the auto court, even though there were a few empty cabins. His baggage was a give-away that he wanted to spend the night there sleeping; the manager had other ideas.